

Need another word that means the same as “disobey”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “disobey” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Disobey” are: defy, go against, flout, contravene, infringe, overstep, transgress, violate, fail to comply with, resist, oppose, rebel against, fly in the face of**

## Disobey as a Verb

### Definitions of "Disobey" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “disobey” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Refuse to go along with; refuse to follow; be disobedient.*
- *Fail to obey (rules, a command, or someone in authority).*

### Synonyms of "Disobey" as a verb (13 Words)

<b>contravene</b>	Offend against the prohibition or order of (a law, treaty, or code of conduct. <i>The Privy Council held that the prosecution <b>contravened</b> the rights of the individual.</i>
<b>defy</b>	Elude, especially in a baffling way. <i>His actions <b>defy</b> belief.</i>
<b>fail to comply with</b>	Disappoint, prove undependable to; abandon, forsake.
<b>flout</b>	Treat with contemptuous disregard. <i>The advertising code is being <b>flouted</b>.</i>
<b>fly in the face of</b>	Be dispersed or disseminated.

<b>go against</b>	Stretch out over a distance, space, time, or scope; run or extend between two points or beyond a certain point.
<b><u>infringe</u></b>	Go against, as of rules and laws. <i>Such widespread surveillance could <b>infringe</b> personal liberties.</i>
<b>oppose</b>	Disagree with and attempt to prevent, especially by argument. <i>The board <b>opposed</b> his motion.</i>
<b>overstep</b>	Be superior or better than some standard. <i>You must not <b>overstep</b> your borrowing limit.</i>
<b>rebel against</b>	Take part in a rebellion; renounce a former allegiance.
<b><u>resist</u></b>	Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ. <i>He didn't <b>resist</b> despite the weapons he had.</i>
<b><u>transgress</u></b>	(of the sea) spread over (an area of land). <i>The sea <b>transgresses</b> along the West coast of the island.</i>
<b>violate</b>	Violate the sacred character of a place or language. <i>This sentence <b>violates</b> the rules of syntax.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Disobey" as a verb

- *Around 1,000 soldiers had disobeyed orders and surrendered.*
- *He disobeyed his supervisor and was fired.*

## Associations of "Disobey" (30 Words)

<b>brash</b>	Having an ostentatious or tasteless appearance. <i>He was <b>brash</b> cocky and arrogant.</i>
<b><u>contrary</u></b>	A contrary proposition. <i>Public opinion to the <b>contrary</b> he is not guilty.</i>
<b>contumacious</b>	Wilfully obstinate; stubbornly disobedient. <i>His refusal to make child support payments was <b>contumacious</b>.</i>
<b>contumacy</b>	Stubborn refusal to obey or comply with authority, especially disobedience to a court order or summons.
<b>defiant</b>	Showing defiance. <i>Brought up to be aggressive and <b>defiant</b>.</i>
<b>dissenter</b>	A person who dissents.
<b>dissentient</b>	Refusing to attend services of the Church of England. <i><b>Dissentient</b> voices were castigated as hopeless bureaucrats.</i>

<b>dissident</b>	In opposition to official policy. <i>A <b>dissident</b> who had been jailed by a military regime.</i>
<b>froward</b>	Habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition.
<b>headstrong</b>	Energetically wilful and determined. <i>The <b>headstrong</b> impulsiveness of youth.</i>
<b>ingratitude</b>	A discreditable lack of gratitude. <i>He returned his daughter s care with <b>ingratitude</b> and unkindness.</i>
<b>insubordinate</b>	Disposed to or engaged in defiance of established authority. <i><b>Insubordinate</b> boys.</i>
<b>maverick</b>	Unorthodox. <i>He s the <b>maverick</b> of the senate.</i>
<b>mutinous</b>	Consisting of or characterized by or inciting to mutiny. <i><b>Mutinous</b> acts.</i>
<b>nonconformist</b>	A member of a Protestant Church which dissents from the established Church of England. <i>Jenkins was a <b>nonconformist</b> who disdained the rugby union coaching certificate.</i>
<b>nonconformity</b>	Lack of harmony or correspondence. <i>Youngsters are rejecting rebellion and <b>nonconformity</b> in favour of becoming model citizens.</i>
<b>objection</b>	The speech act of objecting. <i>His view is open to <b>objection</b>.</i>
<b>obstinate</b>	(of an unwelcome situation) very difficult to change or overcome. <i>An <b>obstinate</b> child with a violent temper.</i>
<b>rebellious</b>	Discontented as toward authority. <i>Temperamentally <b>rebellious</b>.</i>
<b>recalcitrance</b>	The trait of being unmanageable.
<b>recalcitrant</b>	Marked by stubborn resistance to authority. <i>The University suspended the most <b>recalcitrant</b> demonstrators.</i>
<b>recusant</b>	Of or denoting a recusant. <i>Support for the exiled King was greatest among Catholic <b>recusants</b>.</i>
<b>refractory</b>	(of a person, illness, or diseased tissue) not yielding to treatment. <i>It will treat ores considered <b>refractory</b> to normal flotation methods.</i>
<b>resist</b>	Resist immunologically the introduction of some foreign tissue or organ. <i>He didn t <b>resist</b> despite the weapons he had.</i>

<b>resistance</b>	The degree to which a substance or device opposes the passage of an electric current causing energy dissipation By Ohm s law resistance measured in ohms is equal to the voltage divided by the current. <i>He encountered a general feeling of <b>resistance</b> from many citizens.</i>
<b>resistive</b>	Able to withstand the action or effect of something.
<b>restive</b>	(of a person) unable to remain still, silent, or submissive, especially because of boredom or dissatisfaction. <i>Both their horses became <b>restive</b> at once.</i>
<b>stubborn</b>	Not responding to treatment. <i>A <b>stubborn</b> refusal to learn from experience.</i>
<b>unruly</b>	Disorderly and disruptive and not amenable to discipline or control. <i>Kate tried to control her <b>unruly</b> emotions.</i>
<b>wayward</b>	Difficult to control or predict because of wilful or perverse behaviour. <i>A <b>wayward</b> adolescent.</i>